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POLAND: Central Committee Election

Both liberals and conservatives lost yesterday as the Polish party congress made sweeping changes in the Central Committee. [REDACTED]

The results will lead to an extensive turnover in the top leadership when it is elected over the weekend. Only four of the 19 members of the present leadership won seats on the new 200-member Central Committee and the right to stand for reelection to the Politburo and Secretariat. Premier Jaruzelski garnered the most votes, followed by party leader Kania, moderate Barcikowski, and conservative Olszowski. [REDACTED]

Prominent losers include the outspoken conservative Grabski, who challenged Kania in early June, and the liberal Fiszbach, regarded as the "Godfather of Solidarity." [REDACTED]

In a radical departure from past practice, only eight of the 49 provincial party leaders won seats. The powerful party bosses in Warsaw, Katowice, and several other key provinces lost in their bids, and their absence will compound frictions with the center. [REDACTED]

The new Central Committee today will choose a slate of candidates for the position of first secretary. The congress, possibly also today, will conduct the election by secret ballot, with Kania the probable victor. [REDACTED]

Soviet Reaction

Moscow is likely to reserve judgment until the selection of leading party officials is completed and it has had time to study the composition of the new leadership. While regretting the departure of conservative friends like Deputy Premier Jagielski, the Soviets may take some consolation from the reelection of Olszowski and the defeat of Fiszbach and other liberals. [REDACTED]

Meanwhile, the head of the Soviet delegation to the congress, Viktor Grishin, appears to have become more cautious in expressing support for the Polish party. In speeches on Thursday and yesterday, he omitted any expressions of confidence similar to the one he made two days earlier about the ability of the Polish Communists to solve their problems. Instead, Grishin asserted that it was up to the Polish workers to rebuff the enemies of socialism. [REDACTED]

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